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FOR DAVID ANDERSON (S/S) FROM PETER TARNOFF

E.O. 11652: N.A.

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SUBJECT: PANAMA CANAL TREATIES

IF, AS EXPECTED, THE SENATE RATIFIES THE SECOND PANAMA
CANAL TREATY AT APPROXIMATELY 6 P.M. EST TODAY, CHRIS
AND I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT MR. VANCE ISSUE A
STATEMENT NOTING THE EVENT. ONCE HE AGREES TO A
STATEMENT, I SUGGEST THAT YOU LEAVE IT WITH S/S TO
RELEASE AUTOMATICALLY THROUGH LONDON PAO BURNETT ANDERSON
AS SOON AS NEWS OF RATIFICATION ARRIVES. IF RATIFICATION
IS NOT OBTAINED, THERE WOULD NOT BE A NEED FOR A
STATEMENT. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT STATEMENT FOR
MR. VANCE'S CONSIDERATION.

BEGIN TEXT: I AM OF COURSE GRATIFIED AT THE SENATE'S
APPROVAL OF THE NEW PANAMA CANAL TREATIES.

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ACCEPT THE SENATE'S LANGUAGE, WE INTEND TO MOVE FORWARD
AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE TO PUT THE NEW TREATIES INTO
EFFECT.

WE ARE ALSO EXAMINING THE PROSPECTS FOR INFORMAL JOINT
PLANNING WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA, SO THAT WE MAY

BE FULLY PREPARED TO INITIATE THE ARRANGEMENTS REQUIRED
UNDER THE TREATIES.

THE TREATIES WERE NEGOTIATED IN A SPIRIT OF EQUALITY AND
MUTUAL RESPECT. THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO ACT
IN THIS SPIRIT. AS OUR EFFORTS PROCEED, WE WILL, IN THE
SENSE OF THE SENATE, AVOID ANY MEASURES DESIGNED TO
INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF PANAMA OR TO
INFRINGE ON ITS INDEPENDENCE OR ITS SOVEREIGN INTEGRITY.

WORKING TOGETHER, THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES
AND PANAMA CAN MAKE THE CANAL ENTERPRISE AN OUTSTANDING
EXAMPLE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE GENERAL
INTEREST. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO
STRENGTHEN THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING
THAT BIND US TO PANAMA, AND THROUGH OUR COOPERATION, TO
ALL OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLICS. END TEXT.
CHRISTOPHER

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